

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On Page 8, Paragraph 3:

As shown in Fig. 4, the protrusion 9 can be divided in the tire width direction by providing a cut 10 extended in the tire circumferential direction. As shown in Fig. 4, the cut 10 forms a first divided protrusion section in facial contact with a second divided protrusion section. When the protrusion 9 is divided as above, the protrusion 9 is better able to absorb the frictional energy.